

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions of claims in the application.

1. (Currently amended): An adhesive for polarizing plates used for forming an adhesive layer in a polarizing plate in which a polarizer and a transparent protective film ~~[[is]]~~ are adhering with each other via the adhesive layer,

wherein the adhesive for polarizing plates is an aqueous solution containing a polyvinyl alcohol-based resin having an acetoacetyl group and a crosslinking agent, and ~~the aqueous solution has a pH of 4.3 or less~~

wherein a pH of the aqueous solution is in the range of from 2.2 to 4.3.

2. (Cancelled).

3. (Previously presented): The adhesive for polarizing plates according to claim 1, wherein the aqueous solution contains an acid.

4. (Previously presented): The adhesive for polarizing plates according to claim 1, wherein a polarizer is a polyvinyl alcohol-based polarizer.

5. (Previously presented-Withdrawn): A manufacturing method for a polarizing plate, wherein a transparent protective film is adhered to at least one surface of a polarizer using an adhesive for polarizing plates according to claim 1.

6. (Currently amended): A polarizing plate[[,]] ~~which is obtained by the manufacturing method for a polarizing plate according to claim 5,~~ comprising: a polarizer and a transparent protective film which is provided on at least one surface of the polarizer via an adhesive layer, wherein the adhesive layer is formed with the adhesive for polarizing plates according to claim 1.

7. (Original): The polarizing plate according to claim 6, wherein a thickness of an adhesive layer is in the range of from 30 to 300 nm.

8. (Previously presented): An optical film comprising at least one polarizing plate according to claim 6.

9. (Previously presented): An image display comprising a polarizing plate according to claim 6.

10. (New): The adhesive for polarizing plates according to claim 3, wherein the acid is an organic acid.

11. (New): The adhesive for polarizing plates according to claim 10, wherein the organic acid is an acetic acid.